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Sir:

I, David C. Foster, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a Patent Agent at the law firm of Flehr Hohbach Test Albritton & Herbert LLP located in San Francisco, California. I have knowledge of, and responsibility for, the documents pertaining to the above-referenced patent application.

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2. A Notice to file Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application with regard to this application was issued on May 3, 2001. The two-month response date for this Notice was July 3, 2001 and the final, seven-month response date was December 3, 2001.

3. One of the inventors of the subject invention of this application, Karri Lynn Michael, changed employment and moved her residence since the time of her contribution to this invention. We were not able to ascertain her address and secure her agreement to execute the necessary documents until late in October 2001.

4. On November 6, 2001, via Federal Express, we sent the necessary formal documents, including the Declaration specifically required in the Notice, to both inventors for signature. Nevertheless, the documents were not returned to our office for timely filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office before the December 3, 2001 deadline.

5. Dr. Michael signed and returned her Declaration and other documents on December 21, 2001.

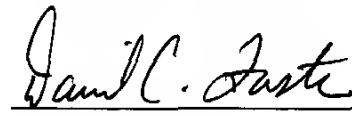
6. After receiving Dr. Michael's signed Declaration, we again sent the necessary documents to the other inventor, David Walt, for his signature.

7. Had the declarations been available for timely filing before the final deadline of December 3, 2001, we would have certainly filed them in a timely manner. It was not Applicants' intention to allow this application to be abandoned.

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Respectfully submitted,


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